

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Sanford Bishop
Chair
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Andy Harris
Acting Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
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Dear Chairman Bishop, and Acting Ranking Member Harris:

As you make appropriations decisions for fiscal year 2023, I respectfully urge you to support the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program.

As you know, the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program was established to stimulate consumption and investment in biodiesel and renewable diesel, which is a major contributor to Minnesota's economy. Producers currently use over 8 billion pounds of soybean oil a year, creating demand that adds 13 percent to the cash price of a bushel of soybeans, equating to 489 in additional income per acre for the average U.S. producer. Additionally, biodiesel and renewable diesel are responsible for reducing carbon emission by up to 86 percent and producing 30 percent less carbon monoxide than traditional fuels.

While information and outreach activities funded under the Biodiesel Fuel Education Program have raised awareness of the benefits of biodiesel fuel use, there is still much work to be done – especially as Congress continues to debate energy policies that are both a benefit to the economy *and* the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please know that my staff is willing to assist your efforts in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress